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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 18349

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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FOR
LIBYA

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 546, (B) MOSCOW 3491 (ALL NOTAL)

1. ON DECEMBER 20 SWEDISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HUELTURNER
CALLED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO REPORT
SWEDISH CONCERN ABOUT DECEMBER 13 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE
REPORT OF ALLEGED SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR SOVIET CONSTRUCTION
OF NUCLEAR POWER STATION FOR LIBYA. HUELTURNER STATED THAT SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT WAS "ASTONISHED" AT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SAW THE RISK
OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN THE SUPPLY OF SUCH A POWERFUL PLANT,
DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE AS SIMILAR TO THE FINNISH LOVIISA PLANT, TO
SUCH AN UNSTABLE CHARACTER AS QUADHAFI. SWEDES WANTED TO KNOW
IF WE HAD "VERIFIED" REPORT.

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2. HUELTURNER SAID THE SWEDES WOULD BE APPROACHING FINNISH
GOVERNMENT IN HELSINKI, SINCE ARTICLE MENTIONED THAT FINNS
WOULD DELIVER A RESERVE COOLING SYSTEM TO LIBYA AS PART OF THE
PROJECT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAD
YET SPOKEN WITH THE SOVIETS IN STOCKHOLM ABOUT ITS CONCERN
OVER THIS ISSUE. NO ACTION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN WITH SOVIETS IN MOSCOW

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HUELTURNER DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SWEDES WERE RAISING THIS ISSUE IN WESTERN CAPITALS.

3. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE THE POWER STATION WHICH STEMS FROM THE QADAFI VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST DECEMBER AND WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN LATER MESSAGE (REFTELS). AS WE TOLD HUELTURNER, WE HAVE NO VERIFICATION THAT CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED, (HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF IT WERE.)
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